

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT
OF NORTH CAROLINA

MICHAEL CROWELL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA;
ROY COOPER, Governor of North
Carolina, *in his official capacity*
only; BIPARTISAN STATE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND
ETHICS ENFORCEMENT;
CHAIR, BIPARTISAN STATE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND
ETHICS ENFORCEMENT,
in official capacity only;
MEMBERS, BIPARTISAN
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
AND ETHICS ENFORCEMENT,
in their official capacity only;

Defendants.

Case No. 1:17-cv-00515-WO-JEP

MOTION TO DISMISS
FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM

Philip E. Berger, in his official capacity as President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate, and Timothy K. Moore, in his official capacity as Speaker of the North Carolina House (collectively, “Defendant-Intervenors”), pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as L.R. 7.3, hereby move this Court to dismiss Plaintiff’s action for failure to state

a claim upon which relief can be granted. Plaintiff's Complaint fails to establish the necessary elements of a claim for a violation of his rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment or the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Defendant-Intervenors submit contemporaneously herewith a Memorandum in support of this Motion to Dismiss and incorporate all arguments and grounds to dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint contained therein by reference. If this Court holds that Plaintiff's Complaint states a claim for either an equal protection or First Amendment violation, this Court should hold the remainder of its proceedings in abeyance until the state court proceeding is complete.

WHEREFORE, Defendant-Intervenors Philip E. Berger, in his official capacity as President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate, and Timothy K. Moore, in his official capacity as Speaker of the North Carolina House, respectfully request that this Court grant this Motion to Dismiss, enter an order dismissing Plaintiff's action with prejudice, and grant such other and further relief as it deems proper.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of October, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of October, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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